

12. (As filed) The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the coaptor is separate from the grasper distal end.

13. (As filed) The apparatus of Claim 1, which can be inserted percutaneously.

14. (As filed) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the grasper is capable of adjusting the leaflets of the valve to obtain optimal coaptation.

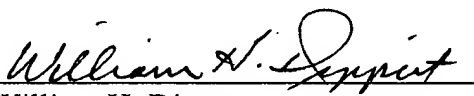
15. (As filed) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the jaws of the grasper can be independently manipulated to ensure optimal valve leaflet apposition.

16. (As filed) An apparatus for the repair of a cardiovascular valve, comprising a grasper having two jaws each having a closure member removably attached thereto wherein each closure member has a proximal end and the grasper also comprises a positioning member that is capable of positioning a binding member around the closure member proximal ends to secure the closure members together to coapt leaflets of the cardiovascular valve.

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of all the claims herein are respectfully requested.

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